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SUBJECT:

1. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF YOUR INTEREST IN ASSUMING ADDITIONAL PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES.
2. ONE OPTION AVAILABLE TO CITIES AND STATES (GOV. HAWAII HAS DECLINED OUR OFFER) IS THAT OF ACTING AS UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH FAMILIES ARE BROUGHT INTO LOCAL AREAS.
3. DEPENDING UPON YOUR DESIRES AND CAPABILITIES, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIETNAMESE TO RESETTLE IN YOUR STATE, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CITY OF HONOLULU. THIS SPONSORSHIP IS A NECESSARY PROCEDURAL STEP TO ENABLE THE INS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTURE OF THE VIETNAMESE FROM THE RECEPTION CENTER. SPONSORSHIP HAS BEEN HELD IN COURT TO BE A MORAL OBLIGATION ONLY. SEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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MENT OF THE ACCEPTED PEOPLE WOULD BE WITHIN THE CONTEXT

OF THE TOTAL FEDERAL PROGRAM FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT UNDULY IMPINGE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES. THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASE IN EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES INVOLVES, BUT IT IS EVERYONE'S EXPECTATION THAT THESE PEOPLE WILL RAPIDLY BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS PAYING THEIR OWN WAY. THERE IS CERTAINLY NO REASON TO THINK OTHERWISE FROM THE CHARACTER OF VIETNAMESE WE HAVE SEEN THUS FAR. TO ASSIST YOUR CITY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ASSIST CITIES WHO ACCEPT THE SPONSORSHIP, BY PAYING INITIAL EXPENSES OF RESETTLEMENT, UP TO \$500 PER CAPITA. THUS A FAMILY OF HUSBAND, WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN SUCCESSFULLY RESETTLED WITH HOUSING AND A JOB WOULD ENABLE THE CITY TO CLAIM UP TO \$3000 REIMBURSEMENT.

4. THE FAMILIES TO BE RESETTLED COULD BE SENT TO YOU IN INCREMENTS OF LESS THAN 25 INDIVIDUALS AT ONE TIME AND AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. DETAILS OF TRANSPORTATION AND DISPATCH CAN BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN YOUR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AND OUR CIVIL COORDINATOR.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE CALL MR. EV BUMGARDNER, OF MY STAFF, ON 202-632-9386.

5. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PLAY SUCH A KEY ROLE. IS IN IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF OUR COUNTRY. JULIA V. TAFT, THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON INDOCHINA REFUGEES. KISSINGER

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